

Florence, 9, 28, '70.

Wm Lloyd Garrison,

My Dear Friend,

This

will be handed you by Mr. J. Madison Allen, who has been spending a week or two in Florence, & during a part of that time as my guest. He is engaged in preparing a work on the reform of Written Language, & in presenting his views on that subject to the people, as opportunity offers. He gave us an interesting lecture on the subject here, presenting many facts either not generally known or not generally thought of; & has since given a short course of lessons in the rudiments of his system, to a small class here. From a brief explanation of his plan of a reformed alphabet, which he has kindly given me, I think it presents features well worthy of consideration, certainly; & that considera-

tion he asks of those who have seen & regretted the anomalies, not to say absurdities, of our present mode of representing language to the eye. Knowing that you have thought & written in relation to this matter, as well as believing, from your past life, that any proposed reform of abuses of any sort would be likely to receive respectful attention in full proportion to its intrinsic merits, he expressed to me a wish to have an opportunity of presenting his views to you; & the more because, you, as a practical printer also, would no doubt be able to give him valuable suggestions as to the embodying of his ideas in convenient & tasteful forms, such as would recommend his proposed reform, by attractiveness of appearance, as well as scientific arrangement. It gives me pleasure to help him to the gratification of this wish, by giving him this line of introduction to you.

Yours Very Truly,
C. C. Burleigh.